

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on April 24, 2006. Claims 14-28 are currently pending in the application, with Claims 14 and 21 being in independent form. By this Amendment document, Claim 14 has been amended and Claims 22-28 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that the claims pending in the application, namely Claims 14-28 are fully supported by the specification, introduce no new subject matter, and are patentable over the prior art.

Specification

In the specification, paragraph 0027 has been amended to correct minor editorial problems. In particular, the term “preferred is the” was changed to “the preferred.” It is respectfully submitted that the specification includes no new subject matter.

Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include formal drawings. These formal drawings, which include FIGS. 1-10, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-10. It is respectfully submitted that the formal drawings introduce no new subject matter.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller et al. (US 4,518,112) in view of Oh et al. (US 2004/0134974). Applicants have amended independent Claim 14.

It is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 14 is patentable over the combination of these two references. For example, the combination fails to disclose or suggest the recited “set of conductive pins adhered in situ to said pads,” as recited in Claim 14.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of independent Claim 14 be withdrawn.

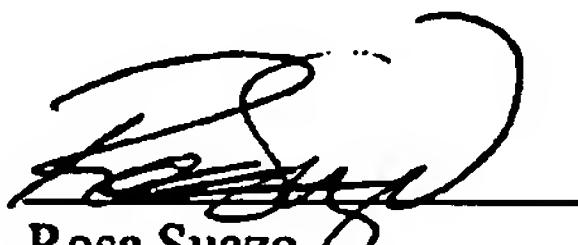
Claims 15-20 depend directly from independent Claim 14 and are therefore patentable for at least the reasons given hereinabove for independent Claim 14. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted all claims now pending in this application, namely Claims 14-28 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this amendment. If any fees are required, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

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